

SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

CHAPTER 300

BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY EXAMINERS

[Prior to 8/24/88, see Health Department(470), Ch 155]

645—300.1(147) Definitions.

“Audiologist” means a person who engages in the application of principles, methods, and procedures for measurement, testing, evaluation, prediction, consultation, counseling, instruction, habilitation, rehabilitation, or remediation related to hearing and disorders of hearing and associated communication disorders for the purpose of nonmedically evaluating, identifying, preventing, ameliorating, modifying, or remediating such disorders and conditions in individuals or groups of individuals, including the determination and use of appropriate amplification.

“Board” means the board of speech pathology and audiology examiners.

“Department” means the Iowa department of public health.

“Speech pathologist” means a person who engages in the application of principles, methods, and procedures for the measurement, testing, evaluation, prediction, consultation, counseling, instruction, habilitation, rehabilitation, or remediation related to the development and disorders of speech, fluency, voice, or language for the purposes of nonmedically evaluating, preventing, ameliorating, modifying, or remediating such disorders and conditions in individuals or groups of individuals.

645—300.2(147) Availability of information. All information regarding rules, forms, time and place of meetings, minutes of meetings, records of hearings, and examination scores are available to the public between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Written information may be obtained from: Iowa Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology Examiners, Iowa Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075.

645—300.3(147) General. No person shall engage in the practice of speech pathology or audiology unless the person has obtained from the Iowa department of public health a license or a temporary clinical license. Licenses issued by the board shall be for licensure by examination, except as provided by rule 300.5(147).

300.3(1) For those persons conducting hearing tests under the direct supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon or licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon functioning under Iowa Code section 147.152(1), “direct supervision” means the physician must order the hearing test performed on each individual patient and maintain complete control over the reading of the results. The person working under direct supervision of a physician must be able to show that the person did so at the direction of the doctor and did nothing more than perform the hearing test. Direct supervision by a physician means the person conducting the hearing test does so in the usual location in which the physician performs medical services and sees patients. The physician must be readily available to respond to a request by a patient or the person conducting the hearing test.

300.3(2) Licenses shall expire on December 31 of each odd-numbered year. The department will notify each licensee of expiration by mail, but it is the licensee’s responsibility to apply for renewal at least 30 days prior to expiration. Failure to renew within 30 days after the expiration date shall cause a license to lapse.

300.3(3) To fulfill requirements for a license, the applicant shall submit the following to the board:

- a. Official transcripts showing proof of possession of a master’s degree or its equivalent.
- b. Official verification of completion of not less than 300 hours of supervised clinical training in an accredited college or university.

- c. Notarized verification of not less than nine months full-time clinical experience, or equivalent, under the supervision of a licensed speech pathologist or audiologist, as appropriate, following the receipt of the master's degree. Such verification must be signed by the licensed supervisor and notarized.
- d. Rescinded, effective 8/11/83.
- e. Results of the national teacher examination as described in rule 300.4(147).
- f. A nonrefundable application fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to the Iowa Department of Public Health.
- g. A notarized application form provided by the department.

300.3(4) A person who wishes to practice speech pathology or audiology in Iowa under the supervision of an Iowa licensed speech pathologist or audiologist for the purpose of obtaining clinical experience as a prerequisite for permanent licensure shall apply to the board for a temporary clinical license prior to obtaining clinical experience.

To fulfill requirements for a temporary clinical license, the applicant must submit all materials and information as provided in subrule 300.3(3) with the exception of the following substitution for paragraphs "c" and "e." A notarized statement of a plan of action to complete at least nine months of full-time clinical experience, or equivalent, under the supervision of an Iowa licensed speech pathologist or audiologist, as appropriate, shall be submitted. Verification shall be signed by the licensed supervisor and notarized.

300.3(5) A nonresident may apply to the board for a temporary permit to practice speech pathology or audiology for a period not to exceed three months by submitting documents to support the need for such a permit and documents to show that the applicant has substantially the same qualifications as required for the regular licensure. The application for temporary permit must be received by the board at least 30 days prior to the date the applicant intends to begin practice.

300.3(6) Application for license. Applications for license which do not meet the minimum criteria for licensure shall be retained by the board office for a maximum of five years from the date the application was received. Persons whose application for license is more than five years old must submit a new application and fee(s).

Applicants who, by March 1 of each year, submit a written request to the board to keep the application current will not need to reapply.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.11, 147.55, 147.80, 147.100, 147.153, 147.154 and 147.155.

645—300.4(147) Licensure by examination.

300.4(1) The examination which demonstrates the applicant's professional competence to the board shall be the national teacher examination in speech pathology or audiology. This examination is administered by the educational testing service. The applicant should contact the nearest accredited college or university for the time and place of the examination or may contact the department for further information.

300.4(2) The applicant has full responsibility for making arrangements to take the national teacher examination in speech pathology or audiology and for bearing all expenses associated with taking the examination. The applicant also has the responsibility for having the examination scores sent directly to the board from the educational testing service as well as including a copy of such scores along with the original application for licensure.

300.4(3) The board shall determine the qualifying scores for both the speech pathology and audiology examinations.

300.4(4) The examination required in this rule may, at the discretion of the board, be waived for any of the following persons:

- a. For holders by examination of licenses from other states.
- b. For holders of certificates of clinical competence as of January 1, 1977.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.100, 147.153 and 147.154.

645—300.5(147) Licensure by equivalency.

300.5(1) An out-of-state applicant seeking a license to practice speech pathology or audiology in Iowa is required to complete the same application as that required for a license in subrule 300.3(3) except that the board may waive the examination requirement if the applicant has a license which was obtained by examination, and if, in the opinion of the board, the examination and the examination score were essentially the same as for Iowa.

300.5(2) An out-of-state applicant shall, in addition, submit certification of all licenses obtained in the other state. The certification shall include the license number, date issued, expiration date and whether any disciplinary action has been taken. If a license or certificate has ever been revoked or suspended, the applicant shall furnish a sworn statement detailing the circumstances.

645—300.6(147) Supervision of temporary clinical license holders. A temporary clinical license shall be issued only upon evidence that the applicant will be supervised by a person licensed in Iowa as a speech pathologist or audiologist, as appropriate. The board shall revoke any temporary clinical license at any time it shall determine either that the work done by the temporary clinical licensee or the supervision being given the temporary clinical licensee does not conform to reasonable standards.

645—300.7(147) Licensure fees. All fees are nonrefundable.

300.7(1) The application fee for a license is \$105, the application fee for a temporary clinical license is \$65, and the application fee for a temporary clinical permit is \$25.

300.7(2) The fee for biennial renewal of all licenses except temporary clinical license is \$80. The annual renewal fee for a temporary clinical license is \$40.

300.7(3) The penalty fee for failure to renew a license within 30 days following its expiration is \$40.

300.7(4) The reinstatement fee for a lapsed license or to reinstate a license under certificate of exemption status is \$25.

300.7(5) The fee for certification of Iowa license is \$10.

300.7(6) The fee for license replacement is \$10.

300.7(7) The penalty fee for failure to obtain the required continuing education within the compliance period is \$25.

300.7(8) The penalty for failure to notify the board office of an address change within 30 days is \$15. If the penalty is not paid by the time of license renewal, the license may not be renewed.

300.7(9) Licensees who submit their continuing education report form after the September 15 deadline shall be assessed a \$25 late fee and their reports will be audited.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.80 and 272C.2.

645—300.8(147) Organization of board of speech pathology and audiology examiners.**300.8(1) Chair.**

a. Shall be selected by the members of the board.
b. Shall preside at all meetings of the board and conduct the meeting following Robert's Rules of Order.

c. Shall appoint committees as is deemed necessary to study issues.

300.8(2) Vice-chair.

a. Shall be selected by the members of the board.

b. Shall act in capacity of chair in the absence of that officer.

300.8(3) Secretary.

a. Shall be selected by the members of the board.

b. Shall act in capacity of chair in the absence of officers representing the chair and vice-chair.

c. Shall keep an accurate and complete record of all transactions of the board.

300.8(4) *Quorum.* Four members of the seven-member board shall represent a quorum. Business shall not be conducted in the absence of a quorum.

300.8(5) *Per diem.* Rescinded IAB 8/21/91, effective 9/25/91.

645—300.9(147) *Petition to promulgate, amend or repeal a rule.* Rescinded IAB 2/17/93, effective 4/1/93.

645—300.10(147) *Declaratory rulings.* Rescinded IAB 2/17/93, effective 4/1/93.

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